

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 140-147 are pending in the present application. Of these, claim 140 and 144 are independent.


Claims 140-147 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 115-129 of co-pending Application No. 09/698,357.

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed which overcomes the claim rejection in view of the pending claims of U.S. Application No. 09/698,357.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-412-3322.

Respectfully submitted,

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